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TAGS: SNAR, BL
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OPERATION GHOST ZONE, SITUATION AS OF 0700 HOURS, 7 APRIL.

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THROUGH 3-6 APRIL, OPERATION GHOST ZONE CONTINUED AT A STEADY RATE ALTHOUGH EFFORTS WERE HAMPERED BY SEVERE WEATHER AND LIGHTNING STRIKES WHICH DISRUPTED HF AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS. THE PC-7 AIRCRAFT WERE DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE FOR 48 HOURS IN COCHABAMBA WHICH, WHEN COMBINED WITH POOR WEATHER, LIMITED OUR AIR INTERCEPT PROGRAM. B1A5

3. DESPITE THE WEATHER AND COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, UMOPAR/SNOWCAP TEAMS CONDUCTED RAIDS IN THE TOWNS OF SINAHOTA, IVIRGARZAMA, SENDA TRES AND ENTRE RIOS. THREE BASE LABS WERE LOCATED AND DESTROYED, ONE OF WHICH YIELDED NUMEROUS EMPTY CONTAINERS FOR ETHER. THREE SUSPECTS WERE DETAINED. THE RAID INTO ENTRE RIOS UTILIZED A BOLIVIAN DOG TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME WHICH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF USDOLLARS 1,600.00 AND THE DETAINMENT BY UMOPAR OF THREE SUSPECTS. NUMEROUS QUANTITIES OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS WERE SEIZED ALONG WITH 1500 POUNDS OF COCA LEAF.

4. MOBILE ROAD PATROLS WERE INITIATED IN PREPARATION FOR INCREASED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE CHAPARE. ONE INDIVIDUAL IN POSSESSION OF A 9 MM PISTOL WAS ARRESTED BY UMOPAR. B1A5

5. THE QUICK REACTION FORCE FROM CHIMORE WAS LAUNCHED EACH TIME, FORCING THE TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT TO ABORT THEIR ATTEMPTED ENTRIES. A SECOND QUICK REACTION FORCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT TRINIDAD IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRACKET TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT BETWEEN LA MEDIA AND THE CHAPARE.

5. THE CESSNA 206 AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN IN THE AREA OF LA CRUZ HAS BEEN FLOWN TO SANTA CRUZ FOR REFURBISHMENT AND EVENTUAL USE BY THE BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE. ON 6 APRIL, AN UMOPAR/SNOWCAP TEAM RETURNED TO THE AREA OF LA CRUZ IN AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PILOT AND PASSENGER. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AT THREE NEARBY ESTANCIAS REVEALED THAT TWO

ARMED COLOMBIANS (NFI) HAD FLOWN INTO THE AREA LOOKING FOR THE PILOT AND PASSENGER OF THE CESSNA 206, ALLEGEDLY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE 250 KG. OF BASE SEIZED BY UMOPAR.

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) DEFENDANTS FROM AN HCL LABORATORY SEIZURE BY BNP/DEA SANTA CRUZ ON 4 APRIL HAVE REPORTED THAT BASE COMING FROM THE CHAPARE IS BEING CUT WITH MANNITOL DURING THE WET CONVERSION PROCESS, RESULTING IN A CONVERSION FROM BASE TO HCL OF ONE HALF, AS COMPARED TO UTILIZING PURE BASE WHICH CONVERTS TO HCL AT 1:1 RATIO.

7. AN UPDATED RIVERINE OPERATIONAL PLAN TO BOTH BLOCK AND PATROL THE FOUR MAJOR RIVER SYSTEMS LEAVING THE CHAPARE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ANOTHER WEEK.

8. THE P-3 AIRCRAFT BECAME OPERATIONAL 7 APRIL AND IS

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TRACKING TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT AND VECTORING BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE PC-7 ASSETS TO INTERCEPT INBOUND AIRCRAFT.
9. FURTHER REPORTS ON GHOST ZONE OPERATIONS WILL
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